



Christmas really has hit Mevagissey Primary School this week. The tree is up (adorned with the decorations children made last Friday), classrooms are looking festive, and the children are working hard rehearsing for the carol service on Monday evening. On Wednesday, children and staff tucked into a delicious Christmas lunch (thanks Tania and Louisa!). Thursday was actioned-packed with Christmas jumpers and a fantastic afternoon at St Peter's Church. Our Chair of Governors, Sandra Beardsmore, and her Open the Book team (with some help from our super Year 6 children) performed the Christmas story for the rest of the school. Jamie and Sarah provided the live music with the whole school singing along to some classic Christmas songs. What a treat!

We can't wait to see the choir singing this evening at St Andrew's Church with the Mevagissey Male and Female voice choir. In the words of one excited choir member, 'We are ready to sing and party!'

Next week is certain to be full of Christmas fun. We are all looking forward to the PTA's big Christmas film evening. I know there are some big surprises in store for the children and it is guaranteed to be an epic Christmas event. Mr Fairbairn has been busy in his workshop creating Christmas magic.

Watch this space!

Here is a Christmas joke a pupil told me earlier that had me chortling:

'What did the Grinch send to spy on Santa at Christmas?'

'I don't know - what did the Grinch send Santa?'

'Mince spies!'

Thank you to everyone that took part in last week's Fun Run you raised an amazing £926!!!

This is the final newsletter of 2023. A massive thank you from all of the staff for your support this year. We hope that you have a smashing Christmas and we wish you all the best for the new year.

Hope to see you at next week's carol service,

Mr Ringrose

**POLITE REMINDER: NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS NEXT WEEK.**

**EARLY BIRDS IS ON ALL WEEK**

**FIN CLUB IS ON MONDAY—THURSDAY. NOT ON FRIDAY DUE TO 1.30PM FINISH.**

Well done to Jemima who completed the Santa Run on Sunday and raised nearly £100 for the Children's Hospice!



The school were kindly donated a Christmas Tree by Cedar Croft Nurseries at St Tudy and the children have enjoyed decorating it with their handmade fabulous creations. I think you will all agree it looks splendid!





# Stars and Citizens of the week



Attendance Cup Winners this week were:

Seals Class with  
100% attendance!

Well Done!



## Class Attendance this week

Starfish	88.1%
Dolphins	92.5%
Lobsters	95.2%
Jellyfish	97.9%
Seals	100%
Sea Turtles	95.8%



Kindness Cup goes to Aria in Jellyfish Class  
for always showing the Mevagissey Way.



Science Star of the Week is Joey  
in Starfish Class



Well done to Harry for winning a medal for  
his cricketing skills at Gorran Cricket Club.





Our Gardening Club were invited to take part in National Tree Week by Cornwall Council.

Every tree planted in Cornwall goes towards the Forest for Cornwall which is increasing biodiversity, improving green spaces for residents and helping the region reach net zero.

Since the programme was launched four years ago the Forest for Cornwall has reached more than 600,000 trees the equivalent of a tree for every resident.

There are a variety of tree-planting events taking place throughout National Tree Week which takes place from November 25 to December 3.

The children helped with the whole process of digging the hole, planting the tree, cutting the supports and putting them into the ground and then protecting them with a wire mesh. All of their hard work paid off and they were rewarded with hot drinks, biscuits and Christmas Chocolates!





We held our Rocksteady Concert this week! The children did amazingly well performing in front of their parents—I think we may have the next future rock stars in our midst!





Reception class have made their own Christmas Stars





Year 1 have finished their puppets in DT. They have developed cutting, joining and embellishing techniques during the process.







The children  
attended St.  
Peter's Church  
for the annual  
nativity.

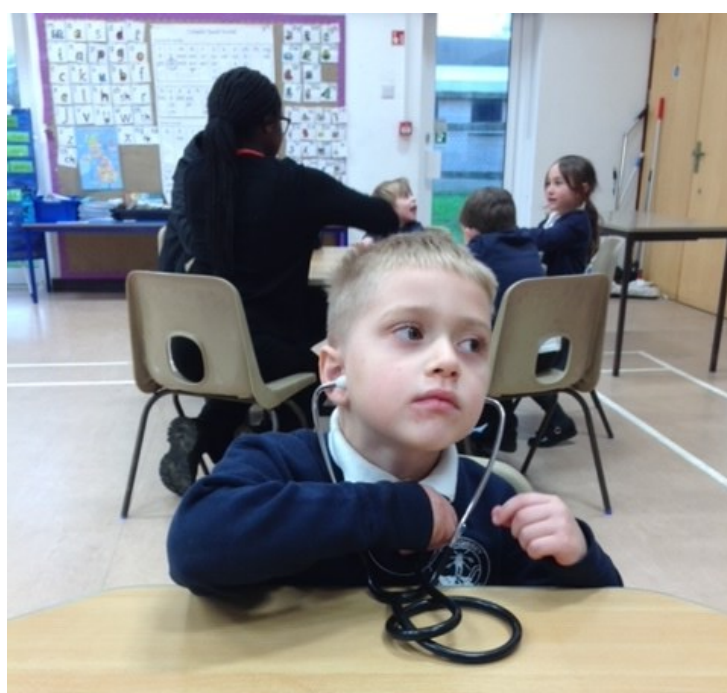
Joining in with  
the Open the  
Book  
production.





This week, Starfish Class enjoyed some Science related workshops delivered by medical students from Plymouth University, in partnership with Children's University.

They explored how the heart works, what is in a doctor's bag, the bones in our body and how to wash our hands carefully.





## Autumn Diary Dates

Monday 11th December	Yr1 Hearing Screening
Monday 11th December	KS1 Carol Concert in the School hall to start at 5pm—mulled wine to be sold before hand from 4.45pm KS2 Carol Concert in the School hall to start at 6.15pm—mulled wine to be sold before hand from 6.00pm
Wednesday 13th December	PTFA Film Afternoon starting at 3.30pm
Thursday 14th December	Christmas Parties
Friday 15th December	Last day of term—1.30pm finish
Monday 18th Dec—Friday 5th Jan	Christmas Holidays
Monday 8th January	Start of term
Monday 15th January	Start of clubs
Tuesday 16th January	Football and Netball fixture—Away against Bishop Bronescombe
Tuesday 30th January	Football and Netball fixture—Home against Pondhu
Tuesday 6th February	Football and Netball fixture—Away against Tywardreath
Monday 12th —Friday 16th February	Half Term
Monday 19th February	Start of Term
Monday 19th—23rd February	Yr3 swimming
Monday 4th—8th March	Yr4 and Yr5 swimming
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day—come dressed as your favourite book character
Monday 18th—Friday 22nd March	Yr1 and Yr2 swimming
Monday 18th March	Last week of clubs
Thursday 28th March	Last day of term 1.30pm finish
Thurs 28th Mar—Fri 12th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 15th April	Start of Term
Monday 22nd April	Start of Clubs

## **Term Dates**

### **2023—2024 Term Dates**

Autumn Term 1 2023: Tuesday 5th September— Friday 13th October

Autumn Term 2 2023: Monday 30th October —Friday 15th December

Spring Term 1 2024: Monday 8th January—Friday 9th February

Spring Term 2 2024: Monday 19th February—Thursday 28th March

Summer Term 1 2024: Monday 15th April—Friday 24th May

Summer Term 2 2024: Monday 3rd June—Friday 26th July

#### **INSET DAYS**

Friday 1st and Monday 4th September 2023

Monday 16th Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th, Thursday 19th and Friday 20th October 2023

## **Term Dates**

### **2024- 2025 Term Dates**

Autumn Term 1 2024: Thursday 5th September— Thursday 17th October

Autumn Term 2 2024: Monday 4th November —Friday 20th December

Spring Term 1 2025: Monday 6th January—Friday 14th February

Spring Term 2 2025: Monday 24th February—Friday 4th April

Summer Term 1 2025: Tuesday 22nd April —Friday 23rd May

Summer Term 2 2025: Monday 2nd June—Friday 25th July

#### **INSET DAYS**

Monday 2nd September 2024

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Wednesday 4th September 2024

Friday 18th October 2024

Monday 28th, Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th, Thursday 31st October and Friday 1st November 2024

Friday 20th June

Monday 23rd June





## **St Peter's Church Mevagissey**

**Sun Dec 10th**

**4pm      'Nine Lessons and Carols'**

**Reading the lessons are members of the  
community including Mr Ringrose!**

**Mince pies & wine/soft drinks will be  
served.**

**Christmas Eve**

**4pm      Children's Crib Service.**

### **\*\*\*NATIVITY REHEARSAL\*\*\***

If your child would like to take part in the nativity at the Crib & Carols service at St Peter's Church on Christmas Eve (4pm), there is a rehearsal taking place in the church on Tues 19th at 4pm. This is a chance for your child to choose a part, prepare an outfit, and be given a few lines to say if they want to. The 3 songs they sang in church yesterday will also feature so children are welcome to sing these songs at the front on the 24th if they would like to.





## Festive Fun Day and Father Christmas!



Join us on Sunday 10  
December from 11:00am for  
a fun filled day of Christmas  
activities including a visit  
from Father Christmas!

Book now on our website.



There are lots of activities on offer  
including:

- A Cornish Christmas story time.
- Make your own Cornish Christmas cards, elf and reindeer crowns.
- Getting creative with clay decorations.
- Conjuring up a Christmas willow wand.
- Exploring the sensory reindeer trail through the historic grounds.

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St Enoder Pantomime Santa sleigh

18th December 2023

Visiting Mevagissey School at 6.30 pm

Followed by a stop at the harbour at 7 pm



Come and see Santa and his elves. Donations welcome which will go to helping them put on their 2024 production of Beauty and the Beast.